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Yawl Rig a Good One.

Hawaii Yachtsmen Should Take To Them.

MANY and varied are the rigs and models of sailing craft. Since Columbus cast off his hawser from the wharf at Palos interest and improvements in sea-going vessels began.

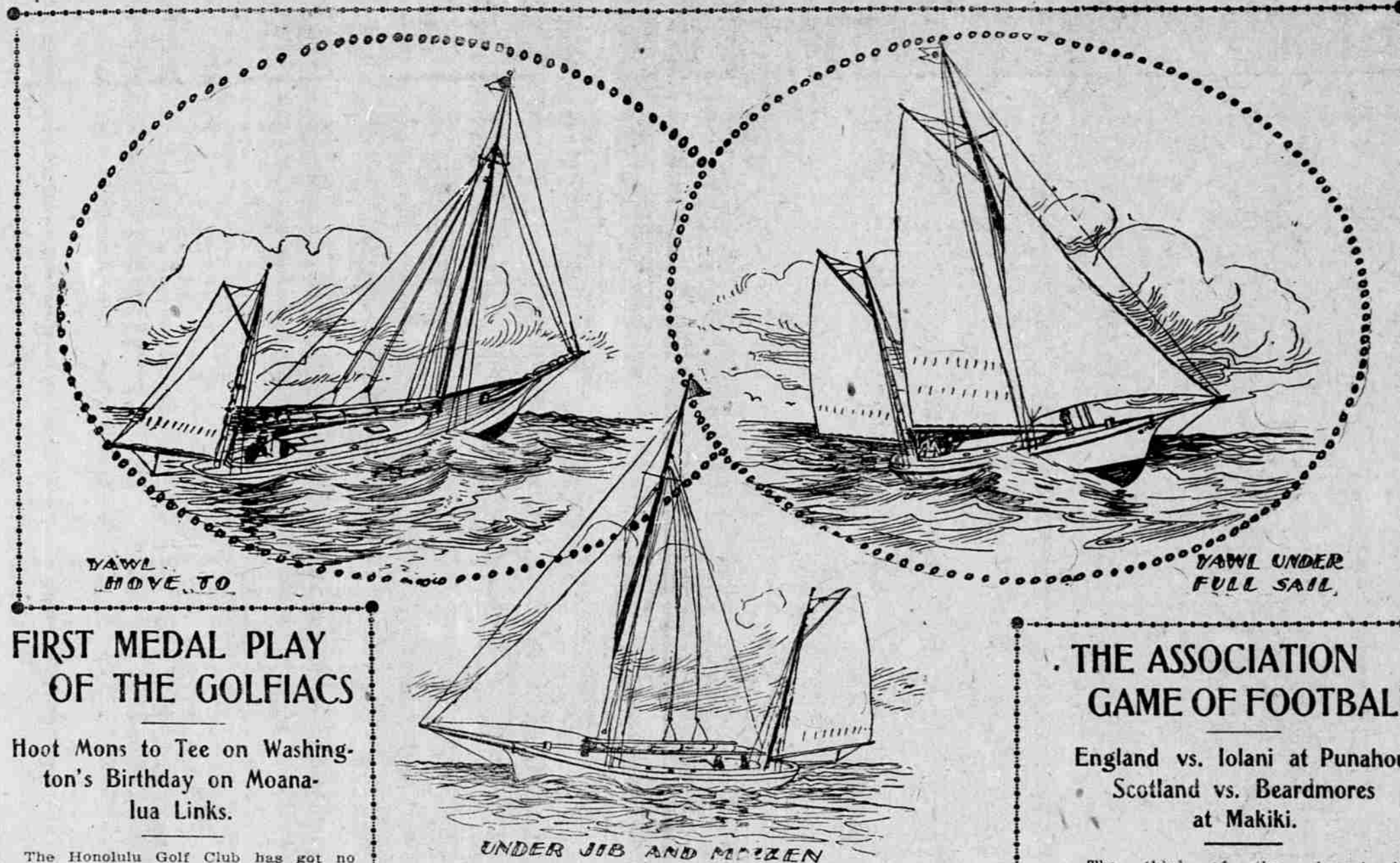
The yawl rig figures extensively in yachting literature in long-distance cruising in small vessels. Those who have been shipmates with this rig advocate it in preference to all others for yachts of medium dimensions. The yawl is the most comfortable and handiest type of boat for cruising. It takes less of a crew to handle a yawl of the same size as a schooner or sloop. The sub-division of the sails renders them less speedy than a sloop in light weather, but there are many instances where the yawl has won in a race with surprising ease over a sloop in bad weather. This was by reason of being able to handle their sails easier and quicker, carrying on until the squall was nearly upon them, then luffing quickly into the wind and lowering the mainsail, then fill away again under the jib and mizzen, jogging along under easy canvas while the crew were putting in a reef in the lowered sail. The mainsail is then set again and away she goes. While the work on the yawl has been going on so easily it was different on her sloop rival. The skipper could not take the chances of getting a knockdown and long before the squall's fury descends upon him he has to tuck in a couple of reefs in his big, unhandy mainsail. And it is no child's play reefing a big sloop in a stiff breeze. While the crew are engaged tying reef knots the boat's speed is stopped, she drifts off to leeward, while the yawl has been under way all the time toward the stake boat. Yachtsmen, as a rule, hate to reef. It is a disagreeable job and it will frequently be delayed until the boat is in peril. This is because reefing a single staker is such a hard and unpleasant job. With a yawl the mainsail can be lowered and put up in stops and the craft sailed under her other two sails. She will balance under this canvas and sail along comfortably.

There are other reasons why the yawl rig is so admirable for cruising over the single stick boat. For instance, in the carrying away of sails. A sloop close hauled, we will say, has her jib carried away. If she is an old style of craft with deep forefoot she will not steer well and will make little if any progress to windward if the breeze is strong. Should the accident be to the mainsail the craft would be in still worse plight. This would be especially dangerous if she were on the windward side of this island with the roaring breakers under her lee. She could not work off shore under the jib alone and it would only be a question of time when the crew would have to abandon ship. Now we will say that the yawl's jib is blown out of the bolt ropes. All that the crew have to do is to lower the mizzen and she will work to windward under the mainsail like a cat-boat. Should an accident occur to the mainsail she will be able to claw off shore under the jib and mizzen. Disabling of the mizzen, like the taking off of the jib, would necessitate sailing her as a cat. A properly balanced yawl will handle under all these combinations.

The mizzen is a handy little sail. It will care for itself and is the last sail to take in. In case the yacht has to heave to she can do so by taking in jib and mainsail and flattening in the sheets on the mizzen. The crew can then lash the wheel amidships and play cards in the snug cabin while the gale-lasts, for the yacht will keep her nose to the wind, with dry cheeks. Is it any wonder that those who go down to the sea in yawls, especially those who have circumnavigated the globe single handed, have unqualified praise for this rig. One of the most recent sea adventurers was old Captain Slocum of the "Spray." He rebuilt an older boat of the time of a century ago and sailed alone around the world. His boat was about the size of the yacht Helene, but of course not so heavily rigged. She was sloop rigged when he left Boston, but he soon found it necessary to alter to the yawl. This is what he says after making the change: "The yawl rig was an improvement in that it reduced the size of a rather heavy mainsail and improved her steering qualities on the wind." However, he says very little in his book about the handling of his craft, therefore leaving out some very interesting information to those who are fond of the sea. One of the Eastern yacht clubs had the old craft hauled out and her lines taken off. On the English coast, where the sea is particularly boisterous, the fishermen prefer the yawl rig. They certainly possess advantages for a working boat that a sloop or schooner does not have.

Some of the local yachts if yawl rigged would afford their owners far more pleasure in cruising than their present sloop rig. We would then see more of the white-winged fleet beyond Diamond Head, boldly beating around Mukapu Point on their way to the beautiful Koolan lagoon. This rig would give our amateur sailors confidence and the cruises would be more varied, and therefore more interesting, and the interest in the sport greatly increased. It is unquestionably the peer of cruising rigs and for use in rough waters the yawl is the queen of vessels. Snugly canvassed, strongly sparred and well balanced, the yawl for outside work has no equal afloat.

AMATEUR.



FIRST MEDAL PLAY OF THE GOLFIACS

Hoot Mons to Tee on Washington's Birthday on Moanalua Links.

The Honolulu Golf Club has got no important fixture for next week and play will be almost entirely of a practice nature. The first medal play takes place on February 22d and will be for first and second prizes. The officers of the club for 1901 are as follows:

President, S. E. Damon; vice president, T. Clive Davies; captain, D. W. Anderson; vice captain, Robert Anderson; secretary and treasurer, H. B. Sinclair; members of council, captain, vice captain, secretary and treasurer, ex officio, N. Kay, D. McIntyre and A. Lewis.

The following by-laws have been adopted and will repay careful consideration on the part of members of the club, as well as all interested in the ethics of local golf:

1. A ball in the stream or in the rocky bed of same may be played where it lies, or it may be lifted by the player, with the loss of one stroke, and dropped on the side farthest from the hole, not more than three club lengths from the hazard.

2. All pathways, roads, cairns (heaps of stones) and bare patches on the course to be considered as hazards. Loose stones in the proximity of walls and cairns are not to be considered as part of said walls or cairns, except as in by-law No. 5.

3. A ball lying under or close to a fence, hedge, wall, cairn or tree, or otherwise, in an unplayable position, may be lifted, with the loss of one stroke, and dropped within two club lengths, but not any nearer to the hole.

4. If a ball be played through or over any rails or fencing bounding the golf course, the player may play the ball where it lies, or may drop a ball at the spot from which the ball was struck, without any penalty, except the loss of the distance.

5. Approaching the third hole, the space of rocky ground bounded on the left by a cairn and on the right by the second pathway from the cairn and extending in distance from the line of the guide-post to the stone wall near the putting green, inclusive, to be considered a hazard.

6. Any member playing in a competition with one who is not also a member of the club, unless with sanction first spot from which the ball was struck, without any penalty, except the loss of the distance.

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CALENDAR OF SPORTS.

- January 19—Association football, England against Iolani United, Punahou campus, 4 p. m.; Scotland against Mr. Beardmore's eleven, Makiki, 4 p. m. Racing, half mile match race for \$500, Wai'alua, 2 p. m. Polo, Moanalua, 3 p. m.
- January 20—Golf, Moanalua.
- January 25—Football, Iolani United against Scotland.
- January 26—Dove shooting ends.
- Maile Ilima Athletic Club meeting.
- February 2—Football, Iolani United against England.
- February 9—Football, Scotland against England.
- February 22—Honolulu Golf Club, medal play.
- February 23—Pheasant shooting ends.
- March 1—Second indoor Pentathlon contests, Young Men's Christian Association.
- March 28—Oahu College spring athletic meeting.
- May 3—Athletic exhibition, Young Men's Christian Association.

Maile Ilima Athletes.

The Maile Ilima Athletic Club, have sent to San Francisco for basketball suits for their team. The club has made arrangements for a series of games with Oahu College and negotiations toward a similar end are pending with Kamehameha. Last year the Mailes won the City championship at the game as played indoors. This season's series will be played in the open air. Practice starts next week. The next meeting of the club occurs on the 30th inst. There is some talk of the club getting headquarters in town, fully equipped with gymnastic apparatus.

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WHEELING IN HONOLULU.

- Palm branches rustle in the breeze Beside the broad Pacific sea; The moonlight road winds white and still Along the beach at Waikiki.
- Past gardens where the flowers are strange, Gay blossoms not akin to ours—Scarlet poinsettias' vivid leaves, Long hedges of hibiscus flowers.
- Our northern moon, how far and cold! The yellow tropic moon hangs right Before us, over Diamond Head, Outlined against its light.
- From the dim lanai, hid in vines, Of many a darkened bungalow, Comes sudden laughter where one sways A hammock to and fro.
- The lotus buds unfold, that lie Upon the lake, and silently We ride through the soft winter night, Along the beach at Waikiki.

E. F. OTIS.

Eva Back to Hobron.

Commodore Hobron has repurchased the Eva of Captain E. O. White, who expects to leave shortly for an extended vacation trip.

Captain White has been perfectly satisfied with the Eva and would not part with her if he was going to be here to enjoy her. She will be thoroughly overhauled but no change will be made in her rig, as the Commodore does not consider that it can be improved.

Yachtsmen will be glad to see Commodore Hobron's flag again at the mast-head, as it insures the Eva being kept in commission and frequent use. She will probably be rechristened with her original name of Gladys.

THE ASSOCIATION GAME OF FOOTBALL

England vs. Iolani at Punahou; Scotland vs. Beardmores at Makiki.

The third of the championship matches takes place this afternoon at the Oahu campus, where England and Iolani are point-hunting. Both teams have gone down before the Scotch combination, which as yet is unbeaten, and both elevens may therefore be relied upon to put up a good game.

The collegians are strengthening their ranks after their severe reverse of last Saturday and are including Bolster, who was unable to take part in the last game. This will augment their attack, as he is probably not only the best of their forward line but one of the most experienced players in the team. The back division has also been thoroughly overhauled and now presents a more workmanlike front.

The English committee have also overhauled their team, which is now the most satisfactory they can bring together. The team is rapidly developing sound work and all are confident of turning the tables upon the Thistles. The latter seem in a way to anticipate defeat at the hands of the defenders of the Rose, as they have several men upon the sick list.

Mr. Beardmore is bringing a team against Scotland at Makiki which will provide the latter with useful practice. The Barbarians include many of Mr. Sinclair's team of last Saturday and are a fairly strong eleven.

It is to be hoped that the Iolani boys will not only turn up in time today but also appear in their proper costume, which is a really pretty one and should be used every time the collegians assemble.

This point is particularly important this afternoon, as with the red sash their dress is identical with that of the Englishmen, and if they take the field without it the result will not only be confusing to the players but most conflicting to the onlookers. The captain and officers of the clubs should insist upon the proper costume being worn and not allow the men to appear as a set of nondescripts.

The following are the teams engaged at Punahou in the League contest:

Iolani—Hart, Freeth, Willis, J. Anderson, C. Macfarlane, M. Andersen, Moses, Bolster, A. St. C. Papanala, Len Qui, Aylett.

England—Harvey, Soper, Blackman,

A Gun Club To Start.

Breechloaders To Bang Merrily Soon.

THE latest proposed innovation in local sport is a gun club. Already the matter has been threshed out by a number of enthusiasts and a number of traps obtained. The idea is to establish a club on the line of the Reliance, Olympic and San Francisco Gun Clubs. The members will meet for shooting purposes at least once a week when shooting at live and inanimate marks will be indulged in. The great difficulty is in securing a suitable ground for which a space of three or four acres will be necessary. Another important essential is that the ground selected possess a sky background, for if it be backed by hills, trees or like obstacles its value from a shooter's standpoint is considerably discounted.

The matter is being vigorously taken hold of and it is expected that in the course of a week some definite action in the matter will be taken. The project is assured of the support of local breechloader men as a body and as that class of sportsmen numbers a goodly crowd the club should speedily become one of Honolulu's foremost sporting institutions.

The following extracts taken from a proposed code of rules to govern the new association will throw light on its intended operations, especially in regard to match shoots:

INANIMATE TARGETS.

A puller or pullers shall be appointed by the management, whose duty it shall be to see that the trap or traps shall be instantly sprung when the shooter calls "Pull" and shall be placed in such a position that the shooter will have no means of knowing by his actions which trap is to be pulled. In single target shooting he shall pull the traps as indicated by a trap-pulling indicator, or other means which may have been provided by the management.

All matches shall be shot from three or five traps set level, three or five yards apart, in the segment of a circle or in a straight line. When in the segment of a circle the radius of the circle shall be eighteen yards.

All traps must be adjusted to throw the target a distance of not less than 40 yards nor more than 65 yards. The elevation of a target in its flight at a distance of 10 yards from the trap shall not be more than 12 feet nor less than 6 feet.

In single target shooting the rise shall be: Eighteen yards for 10-gauge guns, 16 yards for 12-gauge guns, 14 yards for 14 and 16-gauge guns, 13 yards for 20-gauge guns.

In double target shooting the rise shall be: Sixteen yards for 10-gauge guns, 14 yards for 12-gauge guns, 12 yards for 14 and 16-gauge guns, 11 yards for 20-gauge guns.

No gun of larger calibre than 10-gauge shall be used.

In single target shooting only one barrel shall be loaded at a time and the cartridge shall not be placed in the barrel until after the shooter has taken his position at the range.

A target to be scored "broken" must have a perceptible piece broken from it while in the air. A "dusted" target is not a broken target. No target shall be retrieved for shot marks.

Stokes, Biddell, Morse, Davies, Owens, Lansdale, Irvine and another.

The Scotch team at Makiki will be substantially the same as last Saturday and will probably include Osborne and Cockburn. The Barbarians who oppose them are under the leadership of Mr. Beardmore, who is ably seconded by Mr. Sinclair. These two players have been doing a great deal of work lately in besting up lagging recruits to the Soccer standard, and deserve a vote of thanks from all the clubs for augmenting their ranks.

THE RETIRED LIST.

Mr. Fiddes is about again, but his recovery promises to be somewhat slow. Gould is gradually recovering from the effects of his severe shaking and is doing as well as can be expected.

D. W. Anderson's retirement is the latest addition to the Scotch team's misfortunes. He will probably not play again for some weeks.

The following will represent Scotland this afternoon against Mr. Beardmore's team: Goal, Fennick; backs, R. Anderson, J. McGill; halves, Lennox, Cockburn, Osborne; forwards, Munro, Kay, Boyle, Guild and Catton.

The eleven captained by B. F. Beardmore is made up as follows:

Messrs. Baird, Gibbs, Singelhurst, Waldron, Beardmore, McClean, B. Clark, Seymour, Wilson, Sinclair, Greenwell; reserves, P. Lishman and Manase.

Healani Boat Club Doings.

The Healani Boat Club have had two piles driven between the springboard and the float. The piles will be about fifteen feet above the water and will be surmounted by a diving platform, to which will be attached a swinging trapeze for swimmers. The club is awaiting word from George Carter about the two new shells which have been ordered.

George Angus, the Myrtle carsman, left for the Coast on the China.

The Myrtle Boat Club expect to get a pair of barge similar to that possessed by their neighbors and a pair of oar race may be looked forward to in future regattas.

The yachting fleet is being overhauled and removed in view of the approaching campaign. The Able M. has been repainted and makes her first trip for several months to Pearl Harbor this afternoon.

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